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Viewing cable 09ASHGABAT1633, BERDIMUHAMEDOV AND TURKMENISTAN’S RULING FAMILY

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- The top box shows each cable’s unique reference number, when and by whom it originally was sent, and what its initial classification was.
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Reference ID	Created	Released	Classification	Origin
09ASHGABAT1633	2009-12-18 13:57	2011-08-30 01:44	CONFIDENTIAL	Embassy Ashgabat

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EO 12958 DECL: 12/17/2019
TAGS PGOV, PINR, TX
SUBJECT: BERDIMUHAMEDOV AND TURKMENISTAN’S RULING FAMILY

REF: ASHGABAT 1503

Classified By: Charge d’Affaires Sylvia Reed Curran. Reasons 1.4 (B) and (D).

1. (C) SUMMARY: Turkmen President Berdimuhammedov is vain, fastidious, vindictive, a micro-manager, and a bit of an Ahal Teke “nationalist.”
2. (C) President Gurbanguly Berdimuhammedov is the “decider” for the state of Turkmenistan. Since his word is often law, it is beneficial to us.
3. (C) Our source said Berdimuhammedov is very clean and neat and requires all around him to be the same. XXXXXXXXXXXX When Berdimuhammedov becomes President, he will be a more effective leader.
4. (C) Berdimuhammedov apparently does not think all Turkmen are the same. He once told our source that the true and first Turkmen come from the mountains.
5. (C) Berdimuhammedov does not like people who are smarter than he is. Since he’s not a very bright guy, our source offered, he is suspicious of people who are smarter than he is.
6. (SBU) Gurbanguly Berdimuhammedov’s father, Myalikguly Berdimuhammedov, worked as a senior Interior Ministry officer in a prison guard detachment. In local public opinion, the father is rumored to be far more intelligent than his son. The president’s mother was a housewife.
7. (C) Berdimuhammedov is married and has two daughters and one son, Serdar. The oldest daughter is married to Yhlasgeldi Amanov, who is a registered businessman.
8. (SBU) Berdimuhammedov is the only son in his family of eight children. One of the younger sisters teaches at the Turkmen National Economy University.